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OPEN SEASONS FOR SHOREBIRDS.  
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The open season for hunting black-bellied and golden plovers and greater and lesser yellowlegs varies in different States, the earliest opening date being August 16 for Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, according to an announcement issued by the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture. In Connecticut, the District of Columbia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico the season on these birds opens September 1. In other States the open season begins at various dates after September 1, and for information in regard thereto and as to the closing dates of the open season and for the open seasons for Wilson snipe or jack-snipe and woodcock and for bag limit provisions, sportsmen should consult Farmers' Bulletin 1288, a synopsis of Federal and State laws relating to game, copies of which may be had without cost on application to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

A closed season throughout the year prevails in all States on all other shorebirds, including avocets, curlews, dowitchers, godwits, knots, oyster catchers, phalaropes, sandpipers, stilts, surf birds, turnstones, willet, and all plovers and snipe other than golden and black-bellied plovers and Wilson snipe or jacksnipe. Practically all States require hunters to obtain State hunting licenses.

Greater and lesser yellowlegs and black-bellied plover are reported plentiful this year, and excellent shooting should be found at many places on the Atlantic coast and along inland rivers and bays throughout their range, where good feeding grounds are located.

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